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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed on June 1, 2004 in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect the species identified by the Examiner as Group I (Figs. 1-4 and 8a-10) with traverse. Applicants state that claims 1 and 2 read on the species in Group I, and that claim 1 is generic.

Applicants assert that the Examiner's grouping of figures into Group I and Group II species is incorrect. Specifically, Figures 1-4 show a power transmission system according to a first embodiment, and Figures 5 and 6 show operation, and resulting effects of the operation, of a pulley in the power transmission system of the first embodiment. Figures 8A-10 are not related to the first embodiment; rather, these figures are included to illustrate a related art power transmission system and its limitations.

Figure 7 shows a power transmission system center hub according to a second embodiment in which given edge portions, or regions with which a driven-side-unit collides, are perpendicular, rather than inclined, with respect to a direction of rotation. As discussed above, Figures 5 and 6 are not related to the second embodiment shown in Figure 7.

In summary, Applicants assert that the Group I species should include Figures 1-6, and the Group II species should include only Figure 7. Applicants further assert that Claims 1 and 2 read on the Group I species, and that Claim 1 is generic to both the Group I and the Group II species.

Examination of the present application in view of the above election and remarks is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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